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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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FOR THEROS FROM DRAPER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, BENC, SY

SUBJECT: PROPOSED FORD AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR PLANT

FORD COMPANY MESSAGE TO THEROS:

1. QUOTE. THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE. PERHAPS YOU COULD CLARIFY THESE POINTS WHICH ARE CONTRADICTORY. ONE--DURING FIRST VISIT TO DAMASCUS IN JUNE 1975 I ASKED IMADY WHETHER DECREE 428 WAS VALID OR JUST A SMOKE SCREEN. HE ASSURED ME THAT IT WAS A VALID DECREE AND WOULD BE A LEGAL VEHICLE FOR FORD TO ENTER SYRIA. HE FURTHER ASSURED ME THAT WHILE AN EQUIVALENT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED BY CENTRAL OFFICE DECREE 428 WAS THE LOCAL SYRIAN VERSION AND SYRIA COULD AND WOULD ACT UNILATERALLY ON IT. THE SAME ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN AMBASSADOR MURPHY BY ASST. PRIME MINISTER HAYDAR ON MAY 14, 1976.

2. WE BELIEVE OUR PROPOSAL MEETS THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH
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